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REPORT

OF

WILLIAM W. ALLEN,

ADJUTANT GENERAL OF ALABAMA,

TO THE GOVERNOR,

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REPORT.

HEAD QUARTERS MILITARY FORCES,
ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,
MONTGOMERY, NOV. 20, 1871.

To His Excellency Rob't B. Lindsay,
Governor and Commander in Chief:

GOVERNOR—

I have the honor to submit the following report from this Department:

When I entered upon the duties of the office of Adjutant General, I discovered that all the records pertaining to the Department had been either destroyed or lost during the war, and that there was no military organization within the limits of the State reporting to the Department, or recognized by it; neither were there any arms or ordnance stores belonging to the State. In searching for a law under which an organization might be commenced, I found an ordinance of the State Convention passed November 30, 1867, for the "organization of the volunteer militia," and an act of the Legislature approved August 11, 1868, relating to the subject of a military organization. Both being incomplete and defective, and it being deemed by your Excellency not important in view of the general obedience to law and peacefulness that have prevailed throughout the commonwealth, to hasten a military organization, I have in accordance with your instructions taken no steps in that direction. Considerable interest, however, is now being manifested in the formation of military companies, and if the spirit that has universally prevailed throughout the States of the Union since the establishment of the government, be now encouraged in Alabama, by suitable legislation, I am satisfied that a most efficient corps of volunteer soldiery, and one that would do honor to the State, can be speedily organized. To this end, I

would respectfully recommend a thorough revision of our military laws and such legislation as will make effective, and creditable to the State, the soldiery that may be organized.

Wish regard to arms, ordnance stores, munitions, &c., belonging to the State, I have the honor to report that in obedience to instructions from your Excellency, I proceeded to Washington on the 10th instant and obtained from the United States Ordnance Department, the following ordnance stores that were due the State of Alabama under the act of Congress of April 22d, 1808, for arming the militia, viz

200 B. L. Cadet Muskets, made 1869, cal. 50, at $22 80	$ 4,560 00
200 sets cadet accoutrements at $3 15	630 00
36 swords for cadets at $5 50	198 00
36 sword belts and frogs for cadets at $1 30	46 80
4000 met. cartridges for cadet muskets	120 00
438 Springfield B. L. R. muskets, made 1868, cal. 50, with appendages, &c., without bayonets, at $21 05	9,219 90
438 sets infantry accoutrements at $3 74	1,628 12
17,000 met. cartridges, centre fire, cal. 50 at $30 00	510 00
100 Spencer carbines, cal. 50, at $23 00	2,300 00
100 sets accoutrements, for above, at $3 30	330 00
10,000 Spencer cartridges at $18 00	180 09
Making in all the sum of	19,722 82

The foregoing stores are now in transitu to the capitol of the State.

I am, Governor,

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

WM. W. ALLEN,

Adjutant General